



Northallerton
Rural District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1955

NORTHALLERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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NORTHALLERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1955.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District
Council :*

Mr. Chairman, Gentleman,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1955.

The birth-rate and the death rate were very similar to those for England and Wales at 16·4 per 1,000 population for the former and at 11·5 per 1,000 population for the latter. The infantile mortality rate (35·7 per 1,000 live births) was considerably above the national figure (24·9) but this is of no special significance in a small community.

With regard to the infectious diseases, there was an epidemic of measles during the year, but otherwise there was nothing worthy of comment.

The outstanding need is a programme to correlate the provision of sewerage and sewage disposal schemes with future housing and slum clearance in the district. I hope that next year I shall be able to report a real start on slum clearance. Most of this property comprises either individually unfit houses or groups of two or three houses. This being so, no drastic demolition schemes are required and it should be possible for this property to be eliminated without throwing much strain on the Council's resources.

In conclusion, I should like to express my gratitude to the Members and Officials of the Council for the help and support I have received from them during the year.

I am,
Your obedient servant,

JOHN L. COTTON,
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(a) General Statistics.

| | | |
|---|-------|---------|
| Area (in acres) | | 63,512 |
| Population (Registrar-General's Estimate of Resident Population in mid-year 1955) | .. | 8,520 |
| Population (1931 census) | | 7,683 |
| Population (1951 census) | | 8,484 |
| Net increase of Resident Population (mid 1954—mid 1955) | | 10 |
| Number of inhabited houses (1951) | .. | 2,458 |
| Number of inhabited houses (1955) | .. | 2,751 |
| Rateable value of district (April, 1956) | .. | £75,723 |
| Estimated product of 1d. Rate (March, 1956) | | £154 |

(b) Vital Statistics.

| | Males | Females | Total | Rates/1000 Home Population | |
|--|-------|---------|-------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | Local | England & Wales |
| 1. Births | | | | | |
| Live Births : Legitimate | 64 | 70 | 134 | 16.4 | 15.0 |
| Illegitimate | 3 | 3 | 6 | | |
| Stillbirths : Legitimate | 1 | 2 | 3 | 21.4* | 23.1* |
| Illegitimate | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 2. Deaths | | | | | |
| All causes | 44 | 54 | 98 | 11.5 | 11.7 |
| Maternal causes .. | — | 0 | 0 | 0* | 0.64* |
| Enteritis & diarrhoea (under 2 years) .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. Infantile Deaths | | | | | |
| (deaths of infants under 1 year) | | | | | |
| All infants | 3 | 2 | 5 | 35.7 | 24.9 |
| | | | | (rate per 1000 live births) | |
| Legitimate infants .. | 3 | 2 | 5 | 37.3 | — |
| | | | | (rate per 1000 legitimate births) | |
| Illegitimate infants .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — |
| | | | | (rate per 1000 illegitimate births) | |

* Rates per 1,000 total (live and still) births.

Deaths from measles .. 0 (all ages)

Deaths from whooping cough .. 0 (all ages)

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH.

| Caused of Death | Male | Female | Total |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Tuberculosis | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases .. | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Malignant disease | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Cardio-vascular | 27 | 34 | 61 |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Other respiratory diseases | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Digestive diseases | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Congenital malformations | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Other diseases | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Other accidents | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Suicide | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL DEATHS (ALL CAUSES) .. | 44 | 54 | 98 |

POPULATION TREND.

| | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 | 1951 | 1950 | 1949 | 1948 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Population (Mid-year) .. | 8,520 | 8,510 | 8,484 | 8,402 | 8,417 | 8,550 | 8,238 | 8,052 |
| Birth rate .. | 16.4 | 14.8 | 15.5 | 17.2 | 15.7 | 15.0 | 18.1 | 17.6 |
| Death rate .. | 11.5 | 12.2 | 10.5 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 11.5 | 11.0 | 12.4 |

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises, persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

SECTION B.**GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
IN THE AREA.**

The details of the staff are given at the beginning of the report.

Laboratory Facilities.

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Ambulances Facilities.

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station in East Road, Northallerton.

Hospital Facilities.

Local Hospital accommodation is provided in the area by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board.

In addition a considerable number of residents in the area are treated in Darlington and Middlesbrough hospitals.

Nursing in the Homes.

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council with day to day administration dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Sub-Committee through the Area Medical Officer. The staff operating in the Northallerton Rural District comprises five District Nurse/Midwives and one health visitor.

Domestic Help Service.

This is provided by the County Council, the day to day administration again being dealt with by the Area Sub-Committee through the Area Medical Officer. A whole-time equivalent of 1.4 homehelps was employed in the area and a total of 3,108 hours was worked during the year.

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supplies.

Progress continued throughout the year in connecting properties to the Council's mains, though naturally at a much slower rate than formerly. A table showing this progress is to be found in the Sanitary Inspector's Section.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

This is one of the outstanding public health problems in the district. No progress was made during the year and conditions in the villages tend to deteriorate as more and more houses come on to a piped water supply. Whilst agreeing that Appleton Wiske presents the greatest health hazard, it is essential in my opinion that a programme should be drawn up showing which villages are to have priority. This priority should be related to future housing needs of the district and with the present day trend towards depopulation of rural areas, those villages on the main lines of communication seem the obvious places for development.

SECTION D.

Housing.

This presents the other major problem in the district. There are approximately 126 unfit houses in the district and the only progress to report during the year, was the representation of a small clearance area in Brompton comprising two houses. The programme of slum clearance should be related to the Council's housing programme which in turn is intimately connected with the provision of sewerage and sewage disposal schemes.

SECTION E.

The Food and Drugs Act, 1955, consolidated previous legislation relating to Food and Drugs, under this Act, the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, were made and these are to become effective from January 1st, 1956. These regulations enable the standard of food hygiene to be considerably improved.

Details of meat inspection, etc., are to be found in the Sanitary Inspector's section.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

| Infectious diseases notified | | | | Males | Females | Total |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|-------|---------|-------|
| Whooping cough | .. | .. | .. | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Measles | .. | .. | .. | 72 | 44 | 116 |
| Food poisoning | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Dysentery | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Pneumonia | .. | .. | .. | | | |

The measles epidemic in the period April to July was the prominent feature. The four cases of food poisoning occurred amongst the members of one family and no special comment is necessary.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The following figures indicate the immunisation state of the child population in the district :—

| Age Group | Immunised |
|------------|-----------|
| 0-4 years | 51% |
| 5-14 years | 89% |

Smallpox Vaccination.

28% of the children born during the year were notified as having been vaccinated against smallpox (15% in 1954).

The figure for diphtheria immunisation in the pre-school group is still not satisfactory and every effort must be made to increase the number of children immunised in this age-group. Ideally this should be done in the first year of life and parents are strongly urged to have this done either by their own doctor or at the local child welfare clinic.

Although the rate for vaccination has improved the percentage is still much too low. Reactions to vaccination are minimal in the first few months of life, and parents are asked to consult their own doctors about having their children vaccinated when about two or three months old.

TUBERCULOSIS.

| Age Group | New Cases | | | | Deaths | | | |
|------------|-----------|--------|---------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | Pulmonary | | Non-pulmonary | | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | |
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Under 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1-4 .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5-14 .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15-24 .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25-34 .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35-44 .. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 45-54 .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 55-64 .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 65 plus .. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals .. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

There were 24 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and no cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis on the register as at the 31st December, 1955. This gives a rate of 2.82 cases of tuberculosis per 1,000 population as compared with 2.94 in 1954.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR for the year 1955.

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for the year ended 1955.

General Sanitary Work.

484 Inspections and 365 Reinspections of premises were made under the Public Health and Housing Acts. 278 Informal Notices were served upon the owner/occupier of premises in respect of nuisances occurring thereon. The total number of nuisances abated was 275.

No Statutory Notices were served.

Analysis of Inspections, 1955.

| | | | |
|--|----|----|-----|
| Under Public Health and Housing Acts | .. | .. | 484 |
| Inspection of Council Houses | .. | .. | 186 |
| Interview with Owners and Builders | .. | .. | 256 |
| Tents, Vans and Sheds | .. | .. | 8 |
| Verminous Premises | .. | .. | 1 |
| Total Inspection of Housing Conditions | | | 935 |
| Private Slaughterhouses | .. | .. | 10 |
| Bakehouses | .. | .. | 2 |
| Milk Retailers | .. | .. | 12 |
| Ice Cream Sellers | .. | .. | 12 |
| Fried Fish Shops | .. | .. | 2 |
| Food Preparing Rooms | .. | .. | 4 |
| Food Premises | .. | .. | 18 |
| Total Inspections with regard to Food | | | 60 |
| Investigations of Complaints | .. | .. | 364 |
| Drain Tests | .. | .. | 84 |
| Rat Inspections | .. | .. | 326 |
| Factories and Workshops | .. | .. | 14 |
| Water Supplies | .. | .. | 560 |
| Water Samples (Bact.) | .. | .. | 18 |
| „ „ (Chem.) | .. | .. | 0 |

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Rivers and Streams | .. | .. | .. | 12 |
| Building Construction Inspections | .. | .. | .. | 276 |
| Sewage Works Inspections | .. | .. | .. | 52 |
| Refuse Tip Inspections | .. | .. | .. | 44 |
| | | | | <hr/> |
| Total of other Inspections | .. | .. | .. | 1,750 |
| | | | | <hr/> |
| Grand total of Inspections | .. | .. | .. | 2,745 |
| | | | | <hr/> |

Summary of Sanitary Improvements, 1955.

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Repairs to Roofs | .. | .. | .. | 35 |
| „ „ Wall, Pointing, Etc. | .. | .. | .. | 26 |
| „ „ Fallpipes and Eaves gutters | .. | .. | .. | 20 |
| „ „ Chimneys, Firegrates and Ovens | .. | .. | .. | 47 |
| „ „ Windows and Doors | .. | .. | .. | 28 |
| „ „ Floors | .. | .. | .. | 8 |
| „ „ Staircases | .. | .. | .. | 3 |
| „ „ Yard Surfaces | .. | .. | .. | 36 |
| „ „ and improvements to House Drains | .. | .. | .. | 42 |
| „ „ Coalhouses and Wash houses | .. | .. | .. | 9 |
| Damp conditions remedied | .. | .. | .. | 24 |
| Dirty and verminous houses cleaned | .. | .. | .. | 1 |

Water Supplies.

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Insufficient supplies improved | .. | .. | .. | 15 |
| Burst pipes and taps repaired | .. | .. | .. | 51 |
| Internal supplies provided | .. | .. | .. | 142 |
| Pumps repaired | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| Wells cleaned | .. | .. | .. | 0 |

Sanitary Conveniences.

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| W. C.'s and Yard Gullies cleansed | .. | .. | .. | 18 |
| Pan Closets and Ashpits abolished | .. | .. | .. | 41 |
| New Water closets provided | .. | .. | .. | 77 |
| Dust Bins provided and renewed | .. | .. | .. | 56 |
| Setpots provided | .. | .. | .. | 0 |

Drainage.

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Obstructed drains and sewers cleared | .. | .. | .. | 132 |
| New sinks provided | .. | .. | .. | 22 |
| Systems improved | .. | .. | .. | 21 |
| Cesspools and Septic Tanks emptied | .. | .. | .. | 36 |
| Water Courses Cleaned | .. | .. | .. | 10 |
| New Septic Tank with Filter | .. | .. | .. | 22 |

Shops.

| | |
|--|---|
| Walls, Floors, Ceiling and Windows Cleansed, Repaired and Decorated | 2 |
| New Sinks provided, Old Curtains removed—Cleansed .. | 1 |

Food Premises.

| | |
|---|---|
| New Food Preparation Apparatus | 2 |
| Walls, Floors, Ceiling, Cleansed and Decorated .. | 2 |
| Clean Towels Provided | 1 |
| Hot Water | 4 |

Factories.

| | |
|---|---|
| W.C.'s Repaired | 1 |
| Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments Repaired, Cleansed and Painted | 1 |
| Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments Cleansed only | 2 |
| New Lighting (to closets) | 1 |

General.

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Nuisances caused by keeping Animals abated | Nil |
| TOTAL .. | <hr/> 941 <hr/> |

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

| Premises (1) | M/c line No. (2) | Number on Register (3) | Number of | | | M/c line No. (7) |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | Inspections (4) | Written notices (5) | Occupiers prosecuted (6) | |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 1 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 1 |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 2 | 28 | 20 | 2 | Nil | 2 |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises | 3 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 3 |
| TOTAL | .. | 28 | 20 | 2 | Nil | |

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

| Particulars (1) | M/c line No. (2) | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7) | M/c line No. (8) |
|--|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| | | Found (3) | Remedied (3) | Referred | | | |
| | | | | To H.M. Inspector (5) | By H.M. Inspector (6) | | |
| Want of cleanliness (S. 1.) .. | 4 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 4 |
| Overcrowding (S. 2.) .. | 5 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 5 |
| Unreasonable temperature (S. 3.) .. | 6 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 6 |
| Inadequate ventilation (S. 4.) .. | 7 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 7 |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6.) | 8 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 8 |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7.) | | | | | | | |
| (a) insufficient .. | 9 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 9 |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective .. | 10 | 2 | 2 | Nil | Nil | Nil | 10 |
| (c) Not separate for sexes .. | 11 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 11 |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) .. | 12 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 12 |
| TOTAL .. | | 2 | 2 | Nil | Nil | Nil | |

Factories with Power.**Year 1955.**

| | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Ainderby Steeple | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Borrowby | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| Brompton | .. | .. | .. | 6 |
| East Cowton | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| East Harlsey | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Osmotherley | .. | .. | .. | 6 |
| Romanby | .. | .. | .. | 10 |
| Great Smeaton | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| | | | | — |
| | | | | 28 |
| | | | | — |

Trades.

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Builders | .. | .. | .. | 8 |
| Linen Manufacturers | | .. | .. | 2 |
| Bakers | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| Motor Repair Shops | .. | .. | .. | 11 |
| Blacksmiths | .. | .. | .. | 5 |
| Milk and Milk Products Manufacturers | .. | | | 1 |
| Cold Stores | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Sawmills | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| Millers | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| Sand and Gravel | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Saddlers | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Joiners | .. | .. | .. | 9 |
| | | | | — |
| | | | | 45 |
| | | | | — |

Housing and New Buildings.

265 visits were made to or in respect of new buildings and building under construction.

The table below gives details of houses under construction and completed since 1945 in their respective Parishes :—

BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

| Parish | Completed 1945 to December, 1955 | Completed during 1955 | Under Construction at end of 1955 |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| Ainderby Steeple .. | 3 | 1 | — |
| Birkby | 3 | — | — |
| Brompton .. | 18 | 1 | 2 |
| Cotcliffe | 2 | — | — |
| Deighton | — | 2 | 1 |
| Ellerbeck | 1 | — | — |
| East Harlsey | 2 | — | — |
| East Cowton | 2 | — | 1 |
| South Cowton | 1 | — | — |
| Hutton Bonville .. | 5 | — | — |
| Great Langton | 3 | — | — |
| Great Smeaton | 3 | — | 1 |
| Kirby Sigston | 1 | — | 1 |
| Lazenby | 2 | — | — |
| Osmotherley | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Over Silton | — | 1 | — |
| Nether Silton | 1 | — | — |
| Morton-on-Swale .. | 3 | 2 | — |
| Romanby | 79 | 9 | 4 |
| Thornton-le-Beans .. | 1 | — | — |
| Thrintoft | 2 | — | — |
| Warlaby | 1 | — | — |
| Welbury | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| West Harlsey | 2 | — | — |
| West Rounton | 1 | — | 1 |
| Whitwell | 2 | — | — |
| | 146 | 18 | 13 |

BY NORTHALLERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

| Parish | Completed 1945 to December, 1955 | Completed during 1955 | Under Construction at end of 1955 |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| Ainderby Steeple .. | 4 | — | — |
| Appleton Wiske .. | 16 | — | — |
| Borrowby .. | 7 | — | — |
| Brompton .. | 74 | — | — |
| Danby Wiske .. | 2 | — | — |
| Deighton .. | 2 | — | — |
| East Cowton .. | 4 | — | — |
| Great Langton .. | 2 | — | — |
| Great Smeaton .. | 4 | — | — |
| Hornby .. | 2 | — | — |
| Kirby Sigston .. | 2 | — | — |
| Nether Silton .. | 2 | — | — |
| Osmotherley .. | 14 | — | — |
| Ellerbeck .. | 4 | — | — |
| Romanby .. | 100 | 22 | 39 |
| Thornton-le-Beans .. | 2 | — | — |
| Yafforth .. | 4 | — | — |
| Welbury .. | 2 | — | — |
| Thrintoft .. | 4 | — | — |
| | 251 | 22 | 39 |

PLANS ANALYSIS.

PLANS. 116 Plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table.

| Parish | Layout | New Buildings | Alterations to Dwellings | Garages Sheds and Greenhouses | Cowsheds & Dairies | Other Agricultural Buildings | Wash-houses coal-houses & W.C's | Total |
|---------------------|--------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Ainderby Steeple | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | 4 |
| Appleton Wiske | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Birkby | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 3 |
| Borrowby | - | - | 6 | - | - | 2 | - | 8 |
| Brompton | - | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 19 |
| East Cowton | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 3 |
| Over Silton | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Danby Wiske | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 4 |
| Harley East | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Hornby | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Deighton | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Kirby Sigston | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Great Langton | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Morton-on-Swale | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 2 | 3 |
| Little Langton | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Osmotherley | - | 1 | 4 | 2 | - | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Romanby | 1 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 29 |
| Rounton | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Smeaton Great | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| Sowerby-u-Cotcliffe | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Welbury | - | 3 | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | 7 |
| Winton | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| South Cowton | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 3 |
| Thornton-le-Beans | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 3 |
| Warlaby | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 18 | 39 | 29 | 4 | 14 | 11 | 116 |

Slum Clearance.

The following proposals were submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

Housing Act, 1936 : Part II and III.**Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 : Section 1.**

| | | |
|---|---------|-------|
| Total number of permanent dwellings in the local authority's area | | 2,751 |
|---|---------|-------|

Part 1. The Total Problem.

- | | | |
|---|---------|--------|
| (i) Estimated number of houses unfit for human habitation within the meaning of section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and suitable for action under section 11 or section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936 | | 126 |
| (ii) Period in years which the Council think necessary for securing the demolition of all the houses in (i) | .. | 5 yrs. |

Part 2. Orders already made, etc.

- | | | |
|--|---------|-----|
| (iii) Number of houses in (i) in clearance areas and already covered by operative clearance or compulsory purchase orders or owned by the local authority | .. | Nil |
| (iv) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders have been submitted to the Minister but have not yet become operative | | Nil |

Part 3. Action in the first five years.

- | | | |
|--|---------|-----|
| (v) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders are to be made or which are to be purchased by agreement within the five years | | 2 |
| (vi) Number of houses which are to be included in clearance areas still to be declared and which within the five years will be owned by the local authority or will have been included in a clearance order or a compulsory purchase order submitted to the Minister | .. | 63 |
| (vii) Number of houses under (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) to be patched (if necessary) and retained within the five years under section 2 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, for temporary accommodation | .. | Nil |
| (viii) Number of houses under (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) to be demolished in the five years | | 65 |
| (ix) Number of houses (including those already comprised in operative demolition orders) to be demolished in the five years as a result of action under section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936 | | 61 |

Housing Act, 1949. Improvement Grants.

During the year the Council decided to implement the Provisions of the above Act whereby financial assistance can be made out of Public Funds to owners of dwelling houses effecting suitable and defined improvements.

By the end of the year 51 applications were approved amounting to a total monetary value of £10,200. Threequarters of the money is made available by the Treasury and the remaining quarter out of the local Rate Fund.

Shops.

During the year 26 routine inspections were made. There were 8 instances of contraventions or improvements effected.

Streams and Watercourses.

Streams have been cleansed at Ainderby, Thrintoft, Morton-on-Swale, Appleton Wiske, Great Langton and Danby Wiske.

Rodent Control.

Since the passing of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, the Rural and Urban Councils have employed a full-time Rodent Operator, his time being shared equally between the two Authorities.

Dwelling houses are treated as a free service but a charge is made for treatment executed on farms and business premises.

It may be in the future that the Council will need to give consideration to the re-organisation of this service to provide better results.

The following Table gives particulars of the work carried out during the year :—

| | Infestations | | No. of Inspections made | No. of Properties inspected |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Major | Minor | | |
| Local Authorities Premises .. | 1 | 4 | 56 | 8 |
| Business Premises | — | 4 | 36 | 14 |
| Private Premises | — | 55 | 165 | 103 |
| Agricultural Property .. | — | 4 | 33 | 15 |
| Survey | — | — | 36 | — |
| | 1 | 67 | 326 | 140 |

All the Council's principle drainage systems were treated for rats during the year.

Water Supplies.

A comprehensive piped water system of approximately 90 miles of water mains covers the whole area.

During the year the following new supplies were installed :—

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Rateable Value .. | 80 |
| Metered Supplies .. | 62 |

The following Table shows particulars of houses with piped water and the estimated population involved :—

| Parish | Houses | | Metered Troughs | Houses | | Population | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | Rate- able Value | Meters | | Direct Piped | Stand Pipe | Direct Piped | Stand Pipe |
| Ainderby Steeple .. | 51 | 7 | 1 | 59 | — | 177 | — |
| Appleton Wiske .. | 64 | 17 | 2 | 81 | — | 243 | — |
| Birkby .. | 1 | 6 | — | 7 | — | 21 | — |
| Borrowby .. | 71 | 17 | 3 | 88 | — | 264 | — |
| Brompton .. | 498 | 2 | — | 500 | — | 1,250 | — |
| Cotcliffe .. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Crosby .. | — | 2 | — | 2 | — | 6 | — |
| Cowton East .. | 48 | 17 | 3 | 65 | — | 195 | — |
| Cowton South .. | 5 | 3 | 3 | 8 | — | 24 | — |
| Danby Wiske .. | 34 | 23 | 5 | 57 | — | 171 | — |
| Deighton .. | 11 | 13 | 3 | 24 | — | 72 | — |
| Ellerbeck .. | 6 | 5 | 1 | 11 | — | 33 | — |
| Harlsey East .. | 31 | 11 | 8 | 42 | — | 96 | — |
| Harlsey West .. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Hornby .. | 26 | 11 | 2 | 37 | — | 111 | — |
| Hutton Bonville .. | 4 | 9 | 3 | 13 | — | 39 | — |
| Kiplin .. | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 3 | — |
| Kirby Sigston .. | 1 | 3 | — | 4 | — | 12 | — |
| Langton Great .. | 19 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 1 | 57 | 6 |
| Langton Little .. | 7 | 5 | — | 12 | — | 36 | — |
| Landmoth .. | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | 3 | — |
| Lazenby .. | 5 | 2 | 1 | 7 | — | 21 | — |
| Leake .. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Morton-on-Swale .. | 34 | 5 | 2 | 39 | — | 117 | — |
| Otterington North .. | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | — | 6 | — |
| Osmotherley .. | 242 | 5 | 4 | 240 | 4 | 500 | 12 |
| Romanby .. | 510 | 5 | — | 515 | — | 1,280 | — |
| Rounton West .. | 22 | 9 | 1 | 26 | 1 | 124 | 15 |
| Smeaton Great .. | 37 | 7 | 1 | 44 | — | 138 | — |
| Smeaton Little .. | 2 | 6 | 3 | 8 | — | 24 | — |
| Silton Nether .. | 30 | — | 1 | 22 | 8 | 66 | 24 |
| Silton Over .. | 6 | — | — | 6 | — | 18 | — |
| Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe .. | 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | — | 18 | — |
| Thrintoft .. | 22 | 8 | 3 | 30 | — | 90 | — |
| Thimbleby .. | 1 | 4 | — | 5 | — | 15 | — |
| Thornton-le-Beans .. | 19 | 13 | 5 | 32 | — | 96 | — |
| Warlabby .. | 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 | — | 24 | — |
| Welbury .. | 28 | 10 | 6 | 38 | — | 114 | — |
| Whitwell .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | — | 9 | — |
| Winton .. | 2 | 8 | 1 | 10 | — | 30 | — |
| Yafforth .. | 21 | 7 | 1 | 28 | — | 84 | — |
| | 1,868 | 275 | 75 | 2,100 | 14 | 5,587 | 57 |

18 samples of water were taken during the year. 12 were satisfactory and 6 unsatisfactory.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The Council continue to operate two Karrier refuse collection vehicles. There are times, due to the new houses now erected, that extreme difficulty is experienced in maintaining an adequate service with the existing appliances and staff. The Council will need to give consideration to the re-organisation of this service.

Although the refuse tip at Yafforth Road was re-shaped during the year tipping space is becoming limited and the Council will, in the near future, need to acquire an alternative site.

The following Tables gives details of the service during the year :—

Refuse Collections.

KARRIER C.K. 3 (D.P.Y. 293) (3 MAN CREW).

| Parish | EMPTIED | | | |
|----------------------|---------|--------|---------|----------------------------------|
| | Bins | Pans | Ashpits | |
| Ainderby Steeple .. | 1,322 | 1,395 | 110 | Total hours worked by crew 6,660 |
| Borrowby .. | 625 | 1,125 | — | |
| Brompton .. | 5,110 | 7,099 | 261 | |
| Danby Wiske .. | 600 | 905 | 20 | |
| Great Langton .. | 853 | 686 | — | |
| Little Danby .. | 297 | 1 | — | Total number of loads 590 |
| Morton-on-Swale .. | 1,355 | 1,463 | 84 | |
| Romanby .. | 19,681 | 200 | 63 | |
| Silton Over .. | — | — | — | Total Mileage 6,471 |
| Silton Nether .. | — | — | — | |
| Thornton-le-Beans .. | 153 | 281 | — | |
| Thrintoft .. | 330 | 330 | 60 | |
| Yafforth .. | 620 | 563 | 19 | |
| | 30,946 | 14,048 | 617 | |

KARRIER C.K. 3 (H.P.Y. 445) (3 MAN CREW).

| Parish | EMPTIED | | | |
|----------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| | Bins | Pans | Ashpits | |
| Ainderby Steeple .. | — | — | — | Total hours worked by crew 6,406 |
| Appleton Wiske .. | 801 | 844 | 84 | |
| Brompton .. | 6,881 | 141 | — | |
| Borrowby .. | — | — | 90 | |
| Deighton .. | 283 | 287 | — | |
| East Harlsey .. | 935 | 864 | 44 | |
| East Cowton .. | 549 | 998 | 114 | |
| Hornby .. | 90 | 296 | 51 | |
| Hutton Bonville .. | 100 | 78 | 14 | |
| Kiplin .. | — | — | 3 | |
| Morton-on-Swale .. | — | — | — | Total number of loads 529 |
| Osmotherley .. | 4,612 | 201 | 50 | |
| Romanby .. | 12,359 | 227 | — | |
| Smeaton Great .. | 566 | 387 | 78 | |
| Smeaton Little .. | — | — | — | |
| Silton Nether .. | 263 | 259 | 15 | Total Mileage 7,979 |
| Silton Over .. | 195 | 70 | 7 | |
| Thrintoft .. | — | — | — | |
| Thornton-le-Beans .. | — | — | 35 | |
| Welbury .. | 512 | 562 | 20 | |
| West Rounton .. | 219 | 274 | 65 | |
| | 28,365 | 5,488 | 670 | |

Milk and Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations.

There were 10 registered milk-sellers in the area during the year. 12 inspections of premises were made.

There are 13 dealers in ice-cream registered by the Council ; 4 Osmotherley, 3 Romanby and 6 Brompton. 11 dealers sell pre-packed products and 2 dealers bulk ice-cream which is obtained from manufacturers in Northallerton. There are no manufacturers in the Rural area, 9 inspections were made.

Food Inspections.

Five privately owned slaughterhouses are leased to the Council on a 5 year lease, the occupiers being the Managers thereof. Scales of Charges for the use of the Slaughterhouses and services provided therein have been fixed by the Council and full control is exercised by the Local Authority.

The slaughterhouses are situate at :—

Brompton
Danby Wiske
Morton-on-Swale
Great Smeaton
West Rounton

Animals slaughtered in the year :—

444 Beasts
10 Calves
367 Pigs
679 Sheep

404 inspections were made during the year and 664 lbs. of meat and/or offals were surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

The quality of the animals killed in the rural area is very high, and evidence of tuberculosis was rarely found.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The Council possess a small portable cesspool emptying appliance and during the year settling tanks were cleaned out in all the villages.

Private septic tanks are also cleaned out on application, the cost of which service is recovered.

The following table shows details of new sewers laid during 1955.

| Parish | Lin. Yards | Diam. |
|----------------|------------|-------|
| East Cowton .. | 120 | 12" |
| Brompton .. | 60 | 6" |
| | 50 | 4" |
| | <hr/> 230 | |

Closet Conversions.

During the year, the following new water closets were provided by way of conversions.

| Parish | No. |
|------------------------|-----|
| East Harlsey | 3 |
| Brompton | 12 |
| Romanby | 2 |
| Osmotherley | 5 |
| Appleton Wiske | — |
| Yafforth | 1 |
| Morton-on-Swale | — |
| Thrintoft | — |
| Deighton | 2 |
| Danby Wiske | 2 |
| Great Smeaton | 2 |
| Ainderby Steeple | 2 |
| Over Silton | — |
| Borrowby | 6 |
| Little Smeaton | — |
| Winton | — |
| Warlabby | 3 |
| East Cowton | 1 |
| | — |
| | 41 |
| | — |

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There is none within the Rural Area.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation of the support which is given to me by members of the Council and my fellow Officials.

I am, Gentlemen,

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